

IN THE CLAIMS

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- 5 1. A method for retrieving data, comprising:
retrieving at least one electronic record from at least one storage
location;
parsing the electronic records to convert one or more indiscriminate
data sets into user-selectable objects; and
causing the user-selectable objects to be displayed.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising selecting at least one of the
user-selectable objects to retrieve the indiscriminate data set associated with the
selected object.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the indiscriminate data sets comprise
court case items or documents associated with a court case docket sheet.
- 20 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic records comprise results
of an executed electronic court case records search request, at least one criterion used
in formulating the electronic court case records search request and data related to at
least one electronic court database associated with the electronic court case records
search request.
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- 25 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises
extracting the at least one indiscriminate data set from the retrieved electronic records.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least
one data processing algorithm based substantially on artificial intelligence.
- 30 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least
one data processing algorithm selected for execution based upon a content of the
retrieved electronic records.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises filtering, sorting or analyzing the retrieved electronic records for data consistency.

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5 → 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving at least one electronic records search request;
determining if at least one of a plurality of electronic records databases associated with each received electronic records search request is accessible through a first or a second communication medium; and
accessing the at least one electronic records database through the first
10 or the second communication medium based on the determination.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the plurality of electronic records databases comprises at least one first electronic court database accessible through the first communication medium and at least one second electronic court database
15 accessible through the second communication medium.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein the first communication medium comprises a telephone dial-up modem connection and the second communication medium comprises an Internet connection.
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12. The method of claim 9 wherein the electronic records search requests comprise court case docket sheet search requests.

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25 → 13. A system for retrieving data, comprising:
at least one station operatively connected to at least one storage location; and
at least one processor operatively connected to the at least one station and the at least one storage location, the at least one processor executing a program of instructions for retrieving at least one electronic record from the at least one storage
30 location, parsing the electronic records to convert one or more indiscriminate data sets into user-selectable objects and causing the user-selectable objects to be displayed.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein at least one interface enables users to select at least one of the user-selectable objects to retrieve the indiscriminate data set associated with the selected object.

5 15. The system of claim 13 wherein the indiscriminate data sets comprise court case items or documents associated with a court case docket sheet.

10 16. The system of claim 13 wherein the electronic records comprise results of an executed electronic court case records search request, at least one criterion used in formulating the electronic court case records search request and data related to at least one electronic court case records database associated with the electronic court case records search request.

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15 17. The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing further comprises extracting the at least one indiscriminate data set from the retrieved electronic records.

18. The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least one data processing algorithm based substantially on artificial intelligence.

20 19. The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least one data processing algorithm selected for execution based upon a content of the retrieved electronic records.

25 20. The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing further comprises filtering, sorting or analyzing the retrieved electronic records for data consistency.

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30 21. The system of claim 13 further comprising:
a first communication medium operatively connected to the at least one station by at least one communication device;
a second communication medium operatively connected to the at least one station, the second communication medium conveying received electronic records search requests to the at least one station; and

at least one machine readable program storage device tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the at least one processor for determining if at least one of a plurality of electronic records databases associated with each received electronic records search request is accessible through the first or the second communication medium, and accessing the at least one electronic records database through the first or the second communication medium based on the determination.

22. The system of claim 21 wherein the plurality of electronic records databases comprises at least one first electronic court database accessible through the first communication medium and at least one second electronic court database accessible through the second communication medium.

23. The system of claim 21 wherein the first communication medium comprises a telephone dial-up modem connection and the second communication medium comprises an Internet connection.

24. The system of claim 21 wherein the electronic records search requests comprise court case docket sheet search requests.

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25. A program storage device readable by a machine tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for accessing electronic records obtained from at least one electronic records database search, the method enabling users to select for retrieval at least one indiscriminate data set related to the electronic records, comprising:
25 retrieving at least one electronic record from the at least one storage location;
parsing the electronic records to convert one or more indiscriminate data sets into user-selectable objects; and
30 causing the user-selectable objects to be displayed.

26. The device of claim 25 further comprising providing at least one interface enabling users to select at least one of the user-selectable objects to retrieve the indiscriminate data set associated with the selected object.

5 27. The device of claim 25 wherein the indiscriminate data sets comprise court case items or documents associated with a court case docket sheet.

10 28. The device of claim 25 wherein the electronic records comprise results of an executed electronic court case records search request, at least one criterion used in formulating the electronic court case records search request and data related to at least one electronic court database associated with the electronic court case records search request.

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15 29. The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing further comprises extracting the at least one indiscriminate data set from the retrieved electronic records.

30. The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least one data processing algorithm based substantially on artificial intelligence.

20 31. The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least one data processing algorithm selected for execution based upon a content of the retrieved electronic records.

25 32. The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing further comprises filtering, sorting or analyzing the retrieved electronic records for data consistency.

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30 33. The device of claim 25 further comprising:
receiving at least one electronic records search request;
determining if at least one of a plurality of electronic records databases associated with each received electronic records search request is accessible through a first or a second communication medium; and
accessing the at least one electronic records database through the first or the second communication medium based on the determination.

34. The device of claim 33 wherein the plurality of electronic records databases comprises at least one first electronic court database accessible through the first communication medium and at least one second electronic court database accessible through the second communication medium.

35. The device of claim 33 wherein the first communication medium comprises a telephone dial-up modem connection and the second communication medium comprises an Internet connection.

36. The device of claim 33 wherein the electronic records search requests comprise court case docket sheet search requests.

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